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REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in this application. Claims 11-17 are cancelled herein, confirming the applicant's previous election of Group I, Claims 1-10. Claims 5 and 10 are objected to for being substantially identical, but one of these claims would be allowable if the other is cancelled. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Yee et al, U.S. Patent 6,796,129 ("Yee"). Claims 6-9 are allowed. Applicant appreciates Examiner's recognition of patentable subject matter.

Claim 10 has been cancelled. The cancellation of claim 10 overcomes the objection to claim 5. Therefore, claim 5 is in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the "recirculation flow path receiving a recirculation portion of the compressed air and conducting the recirculation portion into the inlet air" feature of allowable claim 5. Consequently, claim 5 is cancelled. Therefore, claim 1, and claims 2-4 depending therefrom, are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration of the amended application in light of the above Remarks and allowance of claims 1-4 and 6-9 are respectfully requested.

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